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Please find enclosed a reply to the Office Action dated July 10, 2006, of Examiner An H. Do.

Yours sincerely,

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REPLY TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Sir:

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated July 10, 2006.

Election/Restrictions

In response to the election/restriction requirement, the Applicant elects Species A with traverse. Claims 1-59 as originally filed are generic and encompass the subject-matter of Species A.

The Applicant submits that the Election/Restriction requirement is improper. It appears that the Examiner has reviewed the Applicant's drawings and then somehow required election of those drawings that do not look similar. The Applicant reminds the Examiner that the Applicant's invention is defined by the claims, not by the drawings. The purpose of the drawings, in combination with the specification, is to provide the skilled person with instructions on how to work the invention defined by the claims.

In the present application, Figures 6-31, for example, explain how to fabricate the inkjet nozzle assembly shown in Figure 1. Individual MEMS steps are illustrated including a suitable photolithographic mask for each step. It is not clear to the Applicant how the illustration of individual MEMS processing steps, which were included merely to aid the skilled person in being able to repeat the invention, give rise to an Election/Restriction requirement. The Examiner has not provided any reasoning as to why he considers, for example, Species B to be a separate species. Which claims are supposed to read onto Species B? Similar comments apply to all other species identified by the Examiner.

In short, the Applicant submits that the Election/Restriction requirement is nonsensical because it does not even refer to any claims defining the Applicant's invention. Reference to drawings alone cannot form the basis of an Election/Restriction requirement.

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Accordingly, cancellation of the Election/Restriction requirement is hereby requested.

Very respectfully,

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